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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY MAY 26, 2004

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for May 26, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Ulkede Gundem / In Pervari, Siirt province, five DEHAP members were detained by security officers.

3. Ulkede Gundem / In Tunceli and Elazig provinces, Youth Associations' Federation members gathered to protest against the late June Istanbul NATO Summit. The group shouted "Istanbul will be a graveyard for NATO."

ECONOMIC

4. Milliyet / In Mersin Free Zone, the Mersin Jandarma and Security Office detained five customs officers, including the director of the Mersin Free Zone. All the documents and computers in the Customs Office were taken to the security office. It is reported that the detained officers allegedly were involved in bribery.

CULTURE and TOURISM

5. Zaman / Erkan Mumcu, Minister of Cultural Affairs, announced that the Zeugma mosaics will not be displayed in Istanbul for the NATO Summit, due to a lack of time to prepare them.